

# Sustainable Natural Resources Funding for Iowa

## February 9, 2007 -- Committee Meeting Agenda

### Iowa Farm Bureau – Des Moines, IA

Iowa Farm Bureau, 5400 University Avenue, West Des Moines, IA

#### Committee members present:

|         |          |             |  |
|---------|----------|-------------|--|
| Mark    | Ackelson |             | Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation         |
| Dan     | Cohen    |             | IACCB                                    |
| Barbara | Finch    |             | Iowa Farm Bureau                         |
| Lynn    | Laws     |             | Iowa Environmental Council               |
| Lola    | Lopes    |             | The Nature Conservancy                   |
| Pauline | Novotny  |             | Izaak Walton League of Iowa              |
| Marvin  | Shirley  |             | Farmers Union                            |
| Ken     | Tow      |             | Secretary of Agriculture                 |
| Dave    | Van Waus |             | Pheasants Forever                        |
| Jane    | Clark    |             | Sierra Club                              |
| Rich    | Leopold  | Ken Herring | IA DNR - facilitator                     |
| Henry   | Rayhons  |             | Iowa House of Representatives-Republican |
| Tammi   | Kircher  |             | Ducks Unlimited                          |
| Deb     | Ryun     |             | Conservation Districts of Iowa           |
| Dick    | Dearden  |             | IA Senate-Democrat                       |

#### Committee member(s) absent:

|      |            |  |                                      |
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| Mary | Lundby     |  | IA Senate-Republican                 |
| John | Whitaker   |  | IA House of Representatives-Democrat |
| Owen | Shunkwiler |  | Iowa Renewable Fuels Association     |

#### Committee Support Staff

|       |               |   |
|-------|---------------|---|
| Ken   | Herring       | IA DNR / SF Support                       |
| Diane | Ford-Shivvers | IA DNR Legislative Liaison / SF Support   |
| Doug  | Harr          | IA DNR Program Coordinator/SF Facilitator |
| Kim   | Rasler        | IA DNR / SF Support                       |
| Peter | Fritzell      | IA DNR / SF Support                       |

#### Public present:

|       |       |                       |
|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| Duane | Sand  | INHF                  |
| Deb   | Kozel | LSA                   |
| Rick  | Tebbs | Conservation Alliance |

## **Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks – Ken Herring**

Review 02/09/07 agenda

Update on Legislative response to the Preliminary SF Report

## **Discussion – Full Committee**

Preliminary Report: Legislative reception of the Preliminary Report was discussed and it was reported that there is interest in examining how to get the appropriations for sustainable funding. Clarification of language in some areas of the report will be helpful in providing information to the legislators.

Identify needs for the final report due 03/01/07: Discussion was held on revisions and clarifications the committee would like to be made to the report for final submission. A draft of the report, with changes from today's input, will be created and emailed to the committee for their review. Committee input to be sent to Kim Rasler by 02/15/07 and she will compile changes for all committee to review and will draft a final report for committee review by 02/19/07.

Determine final funding mechanisms and strategies to recommend: Committee discussed strength of language to be used in the final report and to support the five funding mechanisms recommended in the 01/10/07 Preliminary Report and research other funding mechanisms for their viability. It was recommended that the first three of the five original funding mechanisms be worded to be protected by a constitutional amendment.

Develop a time frame re report elements and completion and task assignments: The committee identified immediate needs and timelines for preparation of the 03/01/07 Final Report. There is interest in the sustainable funding proposal and language for a Bill was determined to be prepared as soon as possible. The difference between a Policy Bill and an Appropriations Bill was discussed. A subcommittee of Mark Ackelson, Barb Finch, Jane Clark, Lola Lopes, and Diane Ford-Shivvers will work on creating the initial Bill language with a due date prior to 03/01/07.

It was recommended that Rich Leopold coordinate a meeting between the Governor and as many committee members as possible to discuss sustainable funding.

The committee reviewed the Advisory Committee Reauthorization Request text to extend their charge for one year, ending FY07 (06/30/08). The committee agreed to submit a reauthorization request to continue the committee's work.

Provide quotes regarding Sustainable Funding: Committee members will submit quotes for use in promoting Sustainable Funding.

Meeting ended: 12:20p